was a failure. Carolina having made up her The Delaware and Boston, from Fortrer Monroe cont," &c. out his army, there are not two opinions concerning by the Atlantic were answered by the Vanderbilt, the policy of the General commanding. Officers of every rank, and the men of every regiment, disap- ward detained by Gen. Sherman for the purpose. faithfulness, courage, and address.

been too long post-Pastoral ode has unfortunately pened, and this morning the fountain of inspiration would be obviously premature. try, relieved at evening by a cool breeze off the land, stances like these; but the general opinion of the with they not be the company of the reasons and the company of the reasons are not of the reasons and the company of the reasons are not of the r s frozen solid. The weather had really been de-

day from the ships, and were anchored at some dis- blame on Com. Dupont. tance from the shore waiting for next morning's tide bands, who had worked with a will under their su- into the water. perintendent, Mr. Lee, and the men turned in none

entirely the comfort and effectiveness of troops de- everything he needed. pend on the faithful and orderly discharge of such duties, and in the case of an expedition like this, flung sahore on a sand-heap, everything to be created or carrying on the work of the Lawton plantation, on organized, all stores and materials landed in heaps which they are quartered, so far as was necessary from transports hastily unloading, the importance of for their purposes, or to insure the comfortable subsuch services as Capt. Saxton has rendered cannot be sistence of the negroes during the Winter. The field what has been accomplished can be had.

Ottawa the other day, spoke in the highest praise of Col. Terry for instructions, and the place is now the order and system they had observed in this de- much the most comfortable on the island, whether partment, forcibly contrasting it with the state of for troops or negroes. affairs at Balaklaya during the Crimean war. Every Many of the negroes in camp arrived at this point. one will remember Mr. Russell's accounts of the and more are constantly coming. There is among confusion and imbecility which reigned supreme in them all the undoubting conviction that this is a war the British army at that time. I cannot help asking, for their deliverance. No statement concerning them Why is an officer of Capt. Saxton's merits and that I hear is so nearly universal as this, and Col. ability only Captain at such a time as this? Selected Hawley assures me that in numerous conversations Wilson, Gen. Meigs declined at the last moment waitin' and a prayin' for you, Massa, day and night, Ao let him go, alleging that his services were indis- and we praise the Lord that you are come and hab pensable in his present position. That certainly is your views"—that is, have been successful. no reason why he should not be promoted, if he must be retained where his capacity has least chance to by far the most interesting contraband of whom any care the brilliant reputation in actual service, which account has yet been given me, but I have been able every soldier most desires. No better evidence of to gather only enough to excite rather than to gratify than the fact that he is constantly consulted on all was brought from St. Domingo, where he was free, important tratters relating to the military conduct of and where, for six years, he served in what are the expedition by Gen. Sherman, who has there as called the revolutionary wars. He knew Toussaint, able brigadier generals under him as can be found in Christophe, and Petien, and has many interesting the service.

slave-trading reports were prevalent, will undoubt- for a moment seemed to puzzle him, but instantly his edly be confiscated. She was searched at the sug- face brightened and he answered, "O, yes, massa, gestion of Capt. Saxon, and papers were found on board, conceated in trunks, with false returns, which him very well:" and he went on to speak of the establish the complicity of her captain with the number of negroes who were murdered in conserebels. Her errand was to Havana, intending to quence of the plot. return thence with stores and munitions to Charlesamong her treasures.

pracy, to pase the pickets of the 8th Maine. Reforing Dr. Bacon, and certain deep scars, evidently of burns, arms, and inflicted other severe wounds, from which

habitants or advenues of any kind.

The disinclination of the rebels to receive, or in any way notice or acknowledge the proclamation of Gen. Sherman, is evident enough from the reception given to his flag of truce. The party were roused, their master was not considered to the matter was not considered to the domain of pity, and can only remind one of the physician's assertion of the scription. If the fate of this unfortunate merchant, shot was fired, and presently the whole guard was not some only remind one of the physician's assertion of the scription. If the fate of this unfortunate merchant, shot was fired, and presently the whole guard was not some only remind one of the physician's assertion of the scription. If the fate of this unfortunate merchant, shot was fired, and presently the whole guard was not seed to the origin of these, they said that as a means of only remind one of the physician's assertion of the scription. If the fate of this unfortunate merchant, shot was fired, and presently the whole guard was not seed to the origin of these curves of the origin of these, they said that as a means of only remind one of the physician's assertion of the scription. If the fate of this unfortunate merchant, shot was fired, and presently the whole guard was shot was fired, and presently the whole guard was not seed to the origin of these, they said that as a means of the desired on the best of the desired on the best of the surficed on the best of the desired on the best of the surficed on the best of the surficed on the physician's assertion of the origin of these. The phy given to ms mag or truce. The party were civing and in the some respects to be quoted. The was the means ingry. Some respects to be quoted. The was the means ingry. Some respects to be quoted. The was the means ingry. Some respects to be quoted. The was the means ingry. Some respects to be quoted. The was the means ingry. Some respects to be quoted. The was the means ingry. Some respects to be quoted. The was the means ingry. Some respects to be quoted. The was the means ingry. Some respects to be quoted. The was the means ingry. Some respects to be quoted. The was the means ingry. Some respects to be quoted. The was the means ingry. Some respects to be quoted. The was the means ingry. Some respects to be quoted. The was the means ingry. Some respects to be quoted. The was the means ingry. Some respects to be quoted. The party were civing the color line. The party were civing the color line. The was the means ingry. Some respects to be quoted. The was the means ingry. Some respects to be quoted. The was the means ingry. Some respects to be quoted. The was the means ingry. Some respects to be quoted. The was the means ingry. Some respects to be quoted. The was the means ingry. Some respects to be quoted. The was the means ingry. Some respects to be quoted. The was the means ingry. Some respects to be quoted. The was the means ingry. Some respects to be quoted. The was the means ingry. Some respects to be quoted to the means ingry. Some respects to be quoted to the means ingry. Some respects to the was the means ingry. Some respects to the quoted to the means ingry. Some respects to the quoted to the means ingry. Some respects to the quoted to the means ingry. Some respects to the quoted to the means ingry. Some respects to the quoted to the means in the means ingry. The party is the means in the

as evidence only of imbeculty. It massachused and interference on the interference of forces, and the immediate abandonment of finally held slaves, and had seceded for Slavery's sake, and the 27th, and arrived on Sunday. The accumulated it, are all more or less familiar. Their genius in imheld slaves, and had second for Slavery's sake, and bad second for Slavery's sake, and like 27th, and arrived on Sunday. The accumulated it, are all more or less familiar. Their genius in imtestimony of an old negro now on the island, who implicate a candonment of finally indefensible positions, had not been lying for some provisation was comically illustrated in the case of was not in Charleston at the time, can have bad no been lying for some provisation was comically illustrated in the case of was not in Charleston at the blockade last night, or even Beauregard had landed on her shores while indefensible positions, had not been previously thousand men, would be have tied his bands and strengthened here by pledging to her anew the proprotection of constitutional safeguards? Carolina crable importance—indeed, of absolute necessity—as St. Helena Island, and was taken on St. Phillips by protection of constitutional safeguards? Canolina erable importance—indeed, of absolute necessity—as subsequent dispatches and been received errand of the frigate we must wait to learn till news subsequent dispatches a party of the 79th New-York Highlanders, who are an annufacture or exaggerate the information received errand of the frigate we must wait to learn till news subsequent dispatches a party of the 79th New-York Highlanders, who are subsequent dispatches as a blunder, but of encamped at Bay Point. The delight of the negroes by him through the mysterious channels of negro comes ashore, unless it be to do duty as harbor police encamped at Bay Point. The delight of the negroes by him through the mysterious channels of negro comes ashore, unless it be to do duty as harbor police encamped at Bay Point. comes aware nerse of the assure would of any other relitance of the source reason to hepe that their unexpected liberation was only equalled by and all related to matters which were the subject of at their unexpected liberation was only equalled by and all related to matters which were the subject of at their unexpected liberation was only equalled by and all related to matters which were the subject of at their unexpected liberation was only equalled by and all related to matters which were the subject of at their unexpected liberation was only equalled by and all related to matters which were the subject of their sense of the misfortune which had overtaken their unexpected liberation was only equalled by and all related to matters which were the subject of at their unexpected liberation. In answer to a question by an officient of their sense of the misfortune which had overtaken their unexpected liberation was only equalled by and all related to matters which were the subject of their sense of the misfortune which had overtaken their unexpected liberation was only equalled by and all related to matters which were the subject of their sense of the misfortune which had overtaken their unexpected liberation was only equalled by and all related to matters which were the subject of their sense of the misfortune which had overtaken their unexpected liberation was only equalled by and all related to matters which were the subject of their sense of the misfortune which had overtaken their unexpected liberation. In answer to a question by an officient of their sense of the misfortune which had overtaken their unexpected liberation was only equalled by an officient of their sense of the misfortune which had overtaken their unexpected liberation. In answer to a question by a politically, and he is too good a soldier to let a known own discretion was unpleasantly awkward. No lowing lyrical refrain: blunder pass uncorrected. Certain it is, that through- mails were received from New-York. Dispatches which touched on the bar going out, and was after-

prove and regret it. I have not neared one expression in its favor, nor even an apology for its issue. This point is still unready, and even its destination under war, the officer in command finally checked the flow dition to which he gave the story of a young slave on system of reception and superintendence of the conin its favor, nor even an apology for its issue. This being the case, and the account I have given of the grant being the case, and the account I have given of the grant being the case, and the account I have given of the grant being the case, and the account I have given of the grant being the case, and the account I have given of the grant being the case, and the account I have given of the grant being the case, and the account I have given of the grant being the case, and the account I have given of the stiff unready, and even its destination undended to the condition, and prospects, of this victorious paens, but ever and anon their irreduction. The slave was sent by the grant being the case, it is the gossip of the camp, nor was the common belief with unexpected and stunning force upon the rebeat with only right to say that Dr. Bason discharged the understance of a young slave on a neighboring plantation, whose master served in the battery. The slave was sent by the grant beat the common belief with unexpected and stunning force upon the rebeat with only right to say that Dr. Bason discharged the understance of the camp, nor was the common belief with unexpected and stunning force upon the rebeat with only right to say that Dr. Bason discharged the understance of the last month's inaction—by which I mean failof this victorious paens, but ever and anon their irreduction, whose master served in the battery. The slave was sent by the grant plantation, whose master served in the battery. The slave was sent by the grantation, whose master served in the battery. The slave was sent by the grantation, whose master served in the battery of this victorious paens, but ever and anon their irreduction. The last month's inaction—by which I mean failof this victorious paens, but ever and anon their irreduction. The last month's inaction—by which I mean failof this victorious paens, but ever and anon their irreduction. The last month's inaction—by which I mean failof the last month's inaction—by which I mean failplesant duty imposed upon him with the utmost that, either owing to disagreement among the leaders or many others of their unreflecting brethren in some message or to ascertain their fate, and, being trict; but the subject is too extensive to be entered subfulness, courage, and address.

Wednesday, Dec. 4.—It has been in my mind version I across of the climate of single provide for the project of the projec ever since I arrived, to sing the praises of the climate nothing will be determined till further advices from of Port Royal, but the composition of a suitable Washington. Meanwhile, a revelation of particulars of the force and method of attack to be employed labor, and the severing of the domestic relation finally imprisoned on suspicion, and has not since Provost-Marshal.

It is greatly to be regretted that a division should means of their salvation. with thunder and lightning through balf the sky, camp points to the first of the reasons suggested for they gather is often surrounded by a crowd of solfollowed by a heavy traveral shower and a specific force of the developer. or at a temporary slip in small boats, and even then ity superior to both can settle the difference between not reverent thoughts from the religious assembli these cannot be unloaded except at or near high them. In any event, without the most conducive

Brad lock's Point at the other end of the island, that that they could not live through the night, terest in several respects, among others, affording heavily laden as they were, and that the property on opportunities for much contraband study and inquiry. board could only be saved by immediate effort. Unable as yet to visit it, I am indebted to Lieut. Capt. Saxton, Assistant Quartermaster-General, U. Col. Hawley, and Dr. Bacon of the 7th Connecticut, S. A., who is the Quarternaster-General of the di-vision, and has sole charge of all stores and every-regiment whose reputation is deservedly high, was thing connected with the department, got his teamsters together, ordered out the available contrabands, marines from their garrison of the fort, posting senabout twenty-five, and sent to the 3d Rhode Island, tries on the parapet and over the powder and shot, his soul that at last they can meet together for wor-Col. Brown, for volunteers to save Government both magazines of which were open, and sending out ship without fear or restraint—thanking God and us property. This regiment is encamped near the fort, his companies as an advanced guard or picket for the that he is permitted now to pray aloud! I beg the York, and supplies of many kinds greatly needed. 50th Pennsylvania, and Pennsylvania Roundheads, their camp to the beach, and are waiting with stacked and has been doing duty as artillery. About one night. Next day they were sent with Capt. Gilmore hundred men answered the call, making the whole of the Engineers to Scabrook's on a reconnoiseance, most hasty or unreflecting reader to consider for one most hasty or unreflecting reader to consider for one most hasty or unreflecting reader to consider for one most hasty or unreflecting reader to consider for one force perhaps one hundred and fifty. In the cold and and the Sonday afternoon following, Gen. Wright rain, and up to their waists in water they worked till took five companies, with the Colonel and Lieutenant bearly midnight, getting safely on shore the entire Colonel down to Braddock's. Halting within a I had heard; but I confess it was with a wholly new contents of the boats, consisting of Quartermaster's, mile or two of the fortification on the Point, they Commissary, and ordnance stores to the amount of advanced at daylight Monday morning, found the several thousand dollars. After everything was safe fort abandoned, took possession, and have held it the men were called together by Capt. Saxton and since. A 10-inch columbiad fresh from the Tredegar thanked for their exertions. They responded with Worksat Richmond, and three 18-pounders, all spiked, three cheers for the captain, and then three more; were captured, and have since been put in order for service. Much pewder and stores had been thrown

From this point Fort Pulaski is only seven miles the worse for their efforts, while Government is con-distant, and in full view. The three efficers already ciderably richer. The practice of allowing whisky mentioned visited the Stoddard plantation on Dafor extra work, however much it may startle the foshic Island opposite, which, like all the plantations they have fied. In conversation nothing like an tectotal public, ought to have been adopted from the in the vicinity, had been deserted. Mr. Stoddard is affectionate remembrance of their masters can be first moment of landing. Men who are obliged to said to be a brother of the well-known Professor, discovered—nor, on the other hand, is their spirit work late at night and all night in the water, going whose Latin grammar, Andrews & Stoddard's, is the to sleep in wet clothes because they have no dry text-book of the schools. The plantation is one of character inspires such a petition, and the negro posones to put on, absolutely require a moderate allowance of spirits. It is the opinion of the surgeons that much of the sickness which has resulted fatally institution, a school of Christian humanity—of the religious and affectional elements very largely developed.

Thursday, Dec. 5.—The fortification on Otter worked to an extent which ordinary constitutions the most terrible Abolitionist yet discovered—War, cannot endure without such assistance, beside with a sistance, beside with a sistance and sistance and sistance and sistance and sistance and sistance are sistance. cannot endure without such assistance; beside which, and several of these benighted Africans have already the prospect of a gill of spirits to put some life and withdrawn themselves from the means of grace warmth into their chilled and exhausted bodies when hitherto gratuiteusly supplied by field-drivers and kinds, and as many heavy guns as can be mounted in work is over, is a valuable moral as well as physical overseer. In the house of Mr. Stoddard the party committed no other outrage than singing "Hail Capt. Saxton has accomplished an incredible Columbia" and the "Star Spangled Banner" to the amount of work in his department, the order and music of a fine piano. They took from the plantaeystematic completeness of which are no less remark- tion mules, wagons, cattle, and what other things able than the energy with which its innumerable du- were wanted for the use and subsistence of the force ties and responsibilities have been discharged. A at Braddock's. If any justification were needed for sing slarly clear head, thorough knowledge of details, an act which the laws of war everywhere sanction, great executive ability, and a patient temper, have it may be found in a letter from Mr. Stoddard to his nabled him to make his department a model of ad- overseer, which was picked up on the place, directministration. We are beginning to understand how ing him to supply the rebel Gen. Drayton with

hands were made to get in the standing crops, and A party of British officers from the frigate Immor- to put matters in order generally, under direction of talité, lying in the harbor, whom I met on the the driver or overseer, who regularly reported to

22d Massachusetts, raised by Senator he has not found an exception. "We've been a

There is at the Point an old negro named Laurace. estimation in which he is held could be given curiosity. He is more than 75 years old, came or stories of those men still fresh in his memory. When The Spanish ferryboat, concerning which some asked if he remembered Denmark Vesey, the name

The evidences of inhuman treatment of the slaves ton. A letter from the Spanish Consul at Charles- by their masters and overseers are painfully abunton, dated Confederate States of America, was dant. I select one story, in which the names have the niv of being adapted to the character of the man and the facts: but it comes from a source that loaves the whole camp under arms. Its origin, as nearly as no chance for question or cavil. A number of ne-It can be traced, was the effort of one of the soldiere, gross crossed over from Savage Island, whose master who had escaped into the woods and is said to be was Mr. Joseph Cruel. They were examined by

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"De Northmen dey's got massa now, De Northmen dey's got massa now, De Northmen dey's got massa now, Glory Hallelujah!"

Deeming the exuberant rapture of the disen-Prayer-meetings are held by the contrabands in

the delay-in other words, Com. Dupont and Gen. diers, listening to the quaint fervor of the devotions to forbid a morning bath in the surf, while last night and this morning were certainly made to order for an express admonition from President Lincoln there. and this morning were certainly made to order for an earnest admonition from President Lincoln, that no like mockery or contempt for the unlettered simplic-New-England latitudes, and are unaccountably missuffered to interfere with prompt and decisive action, trustfully and truly. The men whose daily lives The gale on Monday night was heavy enough to Since, however, each commander is in a sense indeput some property at risk. The wharf being unfinpendent of the other, though each is powerless withished, all stores still have to be landed on the beach out the cooperation of the other, nothing but author. f-nity, pass with clean lips and silently-wondering if of the negro, whom they have been taught to regard water. All the boats had been freighted during the evidence the public will be very slow to throw any as cursed of God, despised of men, and destitute of Slevery dogmas of commercial pulpits, and adopting to discharge. The storm coming on, it was evident ten or twelve miles distant, is a place of much in the atheistic politics of an unprincipled party, what room was left them for religious faith or belief in this prayerful earnestness inspires, nor repel the conviction it brings that they have been taught a lie.

Does any friend of Southside theology reply that only by means of Siavery have these negroes been implies. That a slave was forbidden to read the emotion that I learned that the Southern answer to an audible prayer was the overseer's lash. Mr. Lee, whose humane benevolence makes him the best pos-sible man for his difficult place, will tell you how often at first he has been thinkly approached newly arrived negro, with the hesitating petition, Please, Massa, may I pray?" With their childlike plery, also, mingles the broadest charity. Prayers for wives and children left hebind, and for the soldiers who have come to fight for their freedom, are followed by prayers for the rebel masters from whom

They carry with them stores and supplies of all rendered useless by the Rebels-two of them broken in pieces, and the trunnions knocked off the other. The point is one of considerable importance, and if the Rebels had chosen to defend it, might have given us some little trouble, though it must speedily have fallen before the force that could have been directed against it. A glance at the map will show its situntion-" twenty-five miles nearer Charleston than we are now," as was rather significantly remarked by the officer who kindly showed me his charts and the plans of the deserted work.

I have had little opportunity, since coming ashore must not be supposed that all its vessels have been idle. The memoir of its surveys has been promised me for perusal, from which a good idea of

The wonderfully minute accuracy of the coast survey is illustrated by an incident in Col. Hawley's experience, when possession was first taken of the lower end of this island. Not only was the general topography laid down in the plan with such exactness that they were able without difficulty to advance in the night through a strange country to a particular point, but pickets were sent out and posted along a ditch in the fields at some distance from the house exactly as found on the plan, which guided them di-At Braddock's Point also occurred one of thos

unimportant but striking incidents which soldiers are ost ready to accept as omens for go d or ill-in this case the former. The lat Connecticut three months' volunteers were furnished with canteens of peculiar construction and shape, unlike those of any other regiment. In the Battle of Rull Run some of them very naturally were thrown away or lost. On Sunday morning, Nov. 10, Sergeant Savage, formerly o let, now of Company A, 7th Connecticut, picked up on the Point the very canteen which he lost in that battle, unmistakably identified by its singular shape and by his own name scratched on the metal. The recovery of one such trophy is deemed quite sufficient to assure the final retrieval of all the fortunes of that ill-fated day.

This camp is, like all others, I suppose, fertile in examples of incredible recklessness and folly on the eart of the soldiers in the handling of fireares, and fling with every sort of danger. There are two instances in which unexploded shells have been disastrously experimented with. A fuse was extern-detail, I make the following extract: porised and inserted in one, by a party of soldiers about it, who "wanted to see if the thing would go Spring Field. Ga. He was waited on by some of the Society on Thursday last, and from laving others. off," and whose curiosity was repaid by several severe, though not fatal wounds. In the other, a soldier of the Pennsylvania Roundhead satisfied an inquiring disposition by dropping into the fuse hole the askes of his cigar. The resulting explosion, strangely enough, did not instantly kill him, but took off his legs and

fice their own less valuable lives.

want to see whether anybody was killed, you go to Lieutenant. between him and them, specially ordained as the been heard of. While on this subject, I may mention Thursday evening.—The steamer has been destacles were great, but unwavering purpose and where, and a contradiction published in its place.

ocial and political rights. Accepting the Pro- has heretofore served for all the purposes of this than twelve or fifteen hundred feet, and its width must be intended to be much greater than at present. If it was finished to-day the facility of unloading been lost last night. would advance all the rest of the work by two or Hastened, I believe, by the receipt of this news, at more remote and better defended points. want of some simple part or material which it is convoy. taken for granted can be obtained here. Nothing can be obtained here, and the carelessness and inattention go on himself to accure attention to his requisitions. It is not easy to see how he can be spared here.

> A considerable amount of cotton is ascertained to ost might have been easily secured.

Post-Office, now regularly in connection with the y the Postmasier-General has been filled with the of Beaufort, South Carolina." Its present location is in the attie of an old story-and-a-half wooden building temporarily fitted for the purpose, the lower room being occupied, or rather meant to be occupied when the agent returns, by Adams's Express. equired to be prepaid, and the deficiency is therefore of no consequence to them; while others are allowed to paytheir postage in cash. Mr. Sears is an efficient and universally popular officer, and I am already three together so largely reduce the available force. The Ottowa, Capt. Stevens, and the Pembina, no consequence to them; while others are allowed much indebted to his kindness. The arrival and de parture of the mails being irregular and uncertain, and the amount of mail matter very large, his duties are correspondingly heavy. The Illinois took 17,227 letters; the Vanderbilt, which started unexpectedly, ispatches, an additional mail was afterward sent on

Letters in considerable number have been received by the Postmaster, written at the North, to conne tions and friends in Charleston and other places in the vicinity, and sent here open with a request that they might be read and forwarded, if any means of affairs of urgent necessity, and often in circumstances of singular distress and affliction, they were submitted by Mr. Sears to Gen. Sharman with a remaining to go on board. Whatever be the this morning to go on board. Whatever be the this morning to go on board. Whatever be the this morning to go on board. Whatever be the this morning to go on board. Whatever be the this morning to go on board. Whatever be the this morning to go on board. Whatever be the this morning to go on board. Whatever be the this morning to go on board. Whatever be the this morning to go on board. Whatever be the this morning to go on board. Whatever be the this morning to go on board. Whatever be the this morning to go on board. Whatever be the this morning to go on board. Whatever be the this morning to go on board. Whatever be the this morning to go on board. Whatever be the this morning to go on board. Whatever be the this morning to go on board. Whatever be the this morning to go on board. Whatever be the this morning to go on board. Whatever be the this morning to go on board. Whatever be the this morning to go on board. Whatever be the this morning to go on board. ted by Mr. Sears to Gen. Sherman, with a request for instructions. The answer in substance directe be sent, and after having been examined by the preservation of the town of Bennfort, useful to us in forces—difficulty of transportation—no longer exthe letters to be retained until a flag of truce should proper authority, if nothing objectionable appeared them, they were to be forwarded under the flag.

A letter found by an officer in the fort has been handed me to copy, dated Robertville, S. C., 20th Juty, 1861. Most of it being uninteresting personal

The envelope is lost; the address at the beginning count of the hanging of an Abelitionist is thrown in away by its owners. No one would be surprised to is virtue in patience.

Beneca without further communication with the in- to answer the sentinels' bail, he was fired at ran on the h backs, were discovered. Being questioned his chance of recovery is sufficiently small. Such at the end, apparently as a rather communication with the in-

mind for war, naturally regards the indecision and with commissary and quartermaster's atoles, arrived temporizing, coaxing policy of an invading General, see evidence only of imbedility. If Massachusetts the Atlantic, which left New-York on Wednesday, and their love for music, and rude natural talent for may receive some help toward an answer from the atlantic formular temporal formular temporation formular temporal formular temporal formular temporal formu doubt on the point, and of course had no motive to tion went down yesterday, are disappointed. The railway ready to be thrown at once into Charleston great many of "his masters" were killed, especially ally scarce, and personal items still more rare. The An attack in our present position is considered on board the floating battery; and surprised by the statement that no lives were lost, exclaimed with emphasis, "If you ever enter Charleston, massa, and appointed on Gen. Viele's Staff, with the rank of appointed on Gen. Viele's Staff, with the rank of the statement of the sta

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Want to see whether anyondy was kined, you go to Lieutenant.

I had hoped to send by this mail an account of the doubtedly there is reason for blame to fall somewhere. them—and himself—out of the proceeds of their he was threatened with death if he revealed it, was recent arrivals from Savannah are in charge of the

> a statement made to me on board the Bienville by a tained, and I am fortunately able to add some im-Sumter, that Major Anderson was responding "with ing. It is probable that a concerted effort was bent on war, and that its complete conquest and suba fire of terrific force," and that 400 had already made by the Rebels to destroy all they could which been killed on their side. The bulletin remained for an hour or two, and was then torn down, as elsepursuance of the orders already stated to have been action would have been all over the South incalcula-The wharf at the landing has been so far com- received from Washington. Indeed, it seems not unpleted that it will be temporarily boarded over to- likely that those orders were known to the Rebels Nevertheless, it is not to be forgotten that the expepleted that it will be temporarily boarded over to-day, and used instead of the elighter structure that about as soon as to the officers here to whom they has heretofore served for all the purposes of this has heretofore served for all the purposes of this were sent. It is remarkable that the commencement work has been accomplished since the landing, with huge Beet. A phe-driver came in the Atlantic, and by its help the wharf will be carried out into deep of efforts on our part to seize the cotton remaining very inadequate means, at severe cost to the troops. water where the largest ships may come alongside should be accompanied by the most general attempt and only by very great energy to the officers. The humanity? Yet they cannot resist the feeling which and discharge, Its whole length will be not less at destruction yet made by them. Not less than a advance to-morrow, followed by still more important million dollars' worth of property is supposed to have movements, will at least break the spell of indecision

three weeks, and the soldiers might be in barracks the expedition for the permanent occupation of Beau- Friday Morning, Dec. 6 .- No news from Beauand all stores under cover, so much the sooner. fort goes up to-morrow morning, or, more probably, fort. The embarkation of Gen. Stevens's brigade's Work is pushed with great energy, but materials are slow in arriving: requisitions unattended to in New afternoon. The force consists of the 8th Michigan, got off. The Roundheads have marched down from There should be in New-York some officer to give the requisite attention to this matter. Nobody seems Stevens's Brigade except the 79th New-York Highto understand that we are entirely dependent on receipts from the North for everything that is used and landers. The transports Ben. Deford, Parkersburg, the circumstances. A line of sentries along the ceipts from the North for everything that is used and needed here, and even what is sent comes too often Belvidere, Delaware, Boston, and Mayflower, will beach is meant to keep off idlers, few in number in a state that renders it uscless, perhaps, from the convey the troops, with one or more gunboats as here, and to confine the stream of embarking soldiers

on the part of those whose duty it is in New-York to well kept. It certainly was not known about headforward supplies, is so great that Capt. Saxton is se- quarters this morning by persons usually well in- a heavy gun has attracted our attention, as riously considering whether he may not be obliged to formed, and even so late as an hour ago many officers hape his. A little to the right of the wharf on the composing the force were unaware of the movement. edge of the shelf of sand which overhangs the besch The difficulty of keeping counsel seems to decrease officers horses, on which they are huddled in every A considerable amount of cotton is ascertained to be still remaining on the island, and within reach; in proportion to distance from Washington. The attitude, loaded down with baggage, and evidently not less than two or three thousand bales, some still occupation of Beaufort has been considered to be no thoroughly enjoying the busy scene in which they unpicked, and nearly all unginned. On Pinckney part of the plan of Gen. Sherman, because of its are just now idly gazing. Island, for instance, are about 90 bales in the rough distance from the present base of operations and the the shore as they can carry their draught, and, spite rived from the scouting and exploring parties who large force required to hold it. A considerable body of the inevitable delay in receiving troops, will have have penetrated in all directions, and from the negroes, who readily furnish all the information they

of rebels is known to be at Port Royal Ferry, 10 landed their warlike freight before night in Beaufort. Capt. Charles E. Fuller, one of the Assistanfort. Capt. Charles E. Fuller, one of the Assistanmiles from Beaufort—perhaps two regiments. The possess in regard to cotton and everything else. A place has not been in military possession of our charge of stores and with general oversight of immediate mediately commenced. The negroes will be used to marines or a boat's crew, since week before last mansions of the Carolina done being descined to still pick it, and if material for packing in bales can be when Capt. Saxton with 25 men beld it for two further profanation by plebian feet, as permanent and in time, much of it will be finally saved and sent days, his pickets in sound of the enemy's guns, and the first he has urged that measures should be taken brought away 100,000 feet of lumber, urgently may have spared them the final humiliation. to save the cotton, and if his advice had been earlier wanted for immediate use. A reconnoissance made company passes under my window as I write, whose tistened to, thousands of balas that are irrecoverably some time since by Com. Dupont and Gen. Sherman legs, prudently bared to the knee, show that they We are all rejoicing over the establishment of a resulted in their determination that no force should von correspond to the boats—less fortunate than be detached to hold the town. The change in their with dry feet, on man-of-war's men's backs. The Department at Washington, and soon to be provided purposes I believe to be due to Capt. Saxton, whose ordinary work of unloading stores, wharf-building. with material and working force adequate to its opinion has always been in favor of its occupation and all the rest, goes on as usual, and the crest of wants. The blank commission sent to Gen. Sherman by the Postmaster-General has been filled with the position, 17 miles further inland, the convenient lenge, and the incessant fall of the tumbling surf, who has given the required bonds. The style, title quarters for troops, and the wide extent of country it make themselves constantly heard. The long lines of and description of the office is, "Port Royal, District commands or threatens, strategically important, army-wagous, laden with subsistence stores per and also on account of its hitherto untouched treas-

An expedition to occupy Tybee Island also moves them. All this is the busy foreground, beyond which No to-morrow morning, and since, owing to delay in stretches away the magnificent harbor, its waters postage stamps can be bad. Soldiers' letters are not getting heavy guns and stores ready, the other vexed with restless craft of every description, and island garrison was not sent to-day, to-morrow on the bar are lifting their white crests against the under Gen. Sherman that it is now certain the great two of the busiest gunboats in the fleet, went yes expedition, whose sailing has been so anxiously chart, to a point within four miles of Savannah, looked for, is postponed till the arrival of large reen- meeting no obstruction or resistance of any kind. It forcements understood to be on the way. Every effort seems almost as if the passage was newly discovered over 6,000, and being detained for Gen. Sherman's has been made to complete the fortifications on this ered, or it would have been used before for some island, already far advanced, and the reluctance to Cut, behind Dafoskie Island, the artificial channel withdraw any considerable number of men from this through which light-draft steamers from Charleston work has, among other causes, prevented the to Savannah used to pass, by way of Callebogue Beaufort expedition. When they are completed, as been blocked by a sunken brig, and piles driven on they soon will be, 3,500 mon will be able to hold the they soon will be, 3,500 mon will be able to hold the either side. My informant has no more definite in island against any number of troops that can be formation than I have given, and there is no pregnable. There is some apprehension that even to-morrow's movement may be too late to receive the possible, notwithstanding the forces said to be to-morrow's movement may be too late to secure the near it. The great obstacle to the advance of our many respects. It is known that the purpose of the ists, if this be a practicable route, and can be kept rebels was to burn it, the accomplishment of which was defeated by the precipitate haste of their retreat was defented by the precipitate haste of their retrent, deeper water. But does any one know whether and since they have returned in small parties every Gen. Sherman has any desire to destroy Savannah night, I know no other reason for the postponement The greatest obstacle in the path of effective advance of its destruction than to enable them, when they may not be a physical one. If the policy here say found we did not occupy it, to remove the property still left. Even no late property still left. Even so late as last would rather tend to irritate-I believe that is the week, Friday, when I visited the town, and spent word—the hospitable people whose good will we four or five hours ashore, much furniture and property of all kinds remained comparatively minds to turn, we may no longer be able to aponly "Dear Wes.," and the body of the letter refers to an effort for the discharge of the writer's nephew from the company in which he is serving. The ac-

fice their own less valuable lives.

A salute or signal from a U. S. man-of-war enterfortified works on this coast, were partly due to

between that city and Charleston, by destruction of the railway at the nearest accessible point. The ob-

Of course, no resistance is expected; that awaits me

to the separate points where the boats receive them. The secret of this enterprise has been remarkably Aids and orderlies are galloping in all directions, and Gen. Stevens himself with a couple of aids has is gathered a group of contrabands in charge of

The transport steamers have moved in as near to heavily down to the beach, sinking sometimes fusion of oaths is considered sufficient to extract the far horizon closes the view when the breakers

terday, by an inside passage I cannot trace on the thing beside reconnoiseance. It cannot be